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1. SPEAKER PLEASED AT ROMANIAN COOPERATION IN ARRANGING VISIT. WE HAVE REVIEWED WITH HIM (SPEAKER) QUESTION OF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, AND, AS EXPECTED, HE REITERATED HIS EARLIER-EXPRESSED WISH THAT ROMANIAN HOSTS NOT REPEAT NOT COVER COSTS OF VISIT, FOR REASONS SPELLED OUT IN REF B. OBVIOUSLY, THERE WILL BE SOME EXPENDITURES BY GOR ON SUCH THINGS AS MEALS THEY MAY HOST, REFRESHMENTS AND SMALL GIFTS. BUT BOTH U.S. LAW AND SPEAKER'S INABILITY TO RECIPROCATATE DICTATE THAT BULK OF COSTS FOR LODGING, INTERNAL TRANSPORTATION AND FOOD BE COVERED BY CODEL.

2. ALTHOUGH SUCEAVA WOULD OTHERWISE BE A GOOD INITIAL STOP, AIR FORCE TELLS US THAT SPEAKER'S PLANE (VC 137, I.E. MILITARY VERSION OF 707) IS TOO LARGE FOR SUCEAVA'S AIRPORT. CONSTANTA IS NO PROBLEM, SO IF CODEL FLIES THERE TO MEET CEAUSESCU THEY COULD USE THEIR OWN PLANE. IF THIS HAPPENS, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO GO TO CONSTANTA

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AND RETURN ON THE SAME DAY. WE WOULD SUGGEST, THEREFORE,

THAT EMBASSY PROCEED WITH PROGRAM ALONG LINES OF REF C
AND TRY TO GIVE US A SEMI-FINAL PROPOSAL EARLY NEXT WEEK.

IN PLANNING PROGRAM, EMBASSY SHOU ASSUME THAT GROUP
WILL REMAIN TOGETHER AT ALL TIMES AND THAT NO PRIVATE
OR SEPARATE MEETINGS OR ACTIVITIES WILL BE NECESSARY.

3. STILL NO WORD ON COMPOSITION OF PARTY, BUT WE WILL
GET THIS TO YOU AS SOON AS SPEAKER HAS FINAL LISTING.
WE WILL ALSO TRY TO PROVIDE A PROTOCOL-RANKING.

4. SINCE CODEL WILL REPRESENT A FAIR CROSS-SECTION OF
THE HOUSE, WE SUGGEST EMBASSY INCLUDE IN PROGRAM EXPOSURE
TO SIMILAR MIX OF ROMANIAN GNA AND GOVERNMENT, AS WELL
AS ASSORTMENT OF OTHER ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE STATE FARMS,
Factories, perhaps a refinery and an irrigation project.
AGAIN, THOUGH, LEAVE SOME FREE-TIME ON SCHEDULE.

5. IF AMBASSADOR COULD ARRANGE RECEPTION OR DINNER FOR
CODEL AND ROMANIAN OFFICIALS, SPEAKER WOULD BE MOST
GRATEFUL.

6. BY SEPTTEL WE ARE SENDING YOU MORE PRECISE ARRIVAL
AND DEPARTURE TIMES, CONTROL ROOM REQUIREMENTS AND
TRANSPORTATION NEEDS.

7. FINALLY, VISAS FOR ENTIRE CODEL AND ACCOMPANYING
STAFF ARE BEING ARRANGED IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.
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